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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

"A Tradition of Service Since 1850"

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: March 13, 2017
FILE: IAB #IV2422356

FROM: BRITTA S. STEINBRENNER
CAPTAIN
COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU

TO: [redacted]
DEPUTY
COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU

SUBJECT: WRITTEN REPRIMAND

On or about July 9, 2016, while on duty and assigned to County Services Bureau, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, you failed to conform to the standards established for your position as a patrol deputy when, during your response to an assistance request, you failed to employ sound tactical principles prior to a force encounter with Mr. Mynor Vargas, as evidenced by, but not limited to, placing yourself at a tactical disadvantage when you failed to accept a Taser from Sergeant [redacted] when it was available for deployment, giving it back to the sergeant prior to the force encounter saying, "You know what? I don't like to use Tasers"; and by indicating during the investigation, "It [the Taser] seemed liked it never wants to work. So I just gave up."

Your actions violated the following sections of the Manual of Policy and Procedures:

3-01/050.10 – Performance to Standards

3-01/030.10 – Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders (specifically pertaining to 3-10/150.00, Tactical Incidents; and/or 3-10/050.15, Performance to Standards – Performance Associated with the Use of Force)

You are hereby reprimanded for your conduct in this incident and reminded that future violations of a similar nature may result in more severe discipline.

____________________ ____________________
Deputy [redacted] Date

Britta Steinbrenner 4/26/17
Britta Steinbrenner, Captain Date
County Services Bureau

Employee refused to sign Cpt. Britta Steinbrenner 4/26/17 [redacted]
Witnessed by E/SGT Deborah Romero [redacted] 4/26/17

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 916 - 01222 - 8545 - 145 | Date: July 9, 2016 | Time: 1524 hours

Location: 1000 West Carson Street, Torrance | City or Station: Harbor UCLA Hospital

Bureau/Station/Facility: County Services Bureau | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Category 3 / Taser, Baton Impact, Control Techniques, Personal Weapons, Hobble

Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3 | Deputy Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO

☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉YES ○ NO Person Notified: Lt. Maldonado Emp: #[redacted] IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Contreras	Mario	A.	DSG

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: H | Height: 505 | Weight: 160 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: County Services Bureau | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit #854A1

Individual Force Used: Taser, Control Techniques, Personal Weapons | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ○2 ◉3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

E2

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]			DSG

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: B | Height: 601 | Weight: 197 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ○ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: County Services Bureau | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used: Baton (Impact and Control), Control Techniques | ◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3

☒ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: U.S. Healthworks | Coroner Case #

E3

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]			Sgt.

Sex: ○ M ◉ F | Race: H | Height: 506 | Weight: 180 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ○ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: County Services Bureau | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit # 854S

Individual Force Used: Control Techniques | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ◉1 ○2 ○3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

On Duty Supervisor ☒ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	[redacted]			Sgt.	YES ◉ NO ○	YES ◉ NO ○

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Godwin	Brian	D.	Sgt.	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Patrick	Bernard	G.	Sgt.

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** 12/15/16 Date | Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #:

Captain Britta S. Steinbrenner
Unit Commander **(Print Name)** | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: [redacted] | Date

DISCOVERY Use Only
FO# 2407352

☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Smith	Alexandria	M.	SO

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
○ M ◉ F	B	503	130	25	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	○ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: County Services Bureau

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit #854O6

Individual Force Used: Control Techniques

○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category: ◉ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #:

E 5

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Greganda	Miguel	M.	SO

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	H	505	128	22	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: County Services Bureau

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit #854O2

Individual Force Used: Resisted Handcuffing

○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category: ◉ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #:

E 6

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]			Sgt.

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	W	601	230	[redacted]	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	○ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Carson Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit #160BS1

Individual Force Used: Control Techniques / Resisted Handcuffing/ Hobble

○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category: ◉ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #:

E 7

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]			DSG

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ○ F	H	511	210	[redacted]	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	○ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Carson Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit #160BS1

Individual Force Used: Control Techniques / Hobble

◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category: ◉ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #:

E ___

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist

Individual Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #:



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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Vargas	Mynor	Enrique	Other

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	Weight	D.O.B.	Phone #1: (●) H ( ) W ( ) C	Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C
(●) Male ( ) Female	H	51	506	320	04-19-65	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 4717763 | Primary Charge Code: 148(B) PC | Secondary Charge Code: 69 PC | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO | Name: Harbor Med Center | Unit: E/R | Phone #: 310-222-3311

Hospital Admission? ☒ | Rec'd Treatment At: Harbor UCLA | Coroner Case #: N/A | Mental History ☒ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Beck | Address: 1100 W. Carson St., Torrance | Phone #: 310-222-3311

Under Influence: (●) YES ( ) NO | Substance: CNS Stimulant | 5150 a factor in force? (●) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 07-09-16 | Time: 1707 | ☐ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: ◯ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◯ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: ◯ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◯ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: ◯ EM ◯ Day PM	◯ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	34	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	51	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	50	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	36	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	36	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	33	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	42	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	54	[redacted]

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☒ **Additional Witness**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - Continuation

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

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Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	56	[redacted]	1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	50	[redacted]	1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	28	[redacted]	1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	36	[redacted]	1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	49	[redacted]	1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	31	[redacted]	1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	28	[redacted]	1000 West Carson Street	Torrance	90502	3102222345	

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(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
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FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy Contreras	E#1	UC	NN	
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	CT	NN	HD
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy Contreras	E#1	RS	NN	
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy Contreras	S#1	UC	NN	
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#2	UC	NN	
Deputy [redacted]	E#2	Mynor Vargas	S#1	BI	NN	LE
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	TR	NN	CH
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#2	PK	SD	LE
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#2	UC	NN	
Deputy [redacted]	E#2	Mynor Vargas	S#1	BI	NN	
Deputy [redacted]	E#2	Mynor Vargas	S#1	CT	NN	
Suspect Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#2	RS	NN	
Sergeant [redacted]	E#3	Mynor Vargas	S#1	CT	NN	LE
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Sergeant [redacted]	E#3	RS	NN	
Security Officer Smith	E#4	Mynor Vargas	S#1	CT	NN	
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Security Officer Smith	E#4	RS	NN	
Deputy [redacted]	E#2	Mynor Vargas	S#1	BC	NN	HE, SH
Deputy [redacted]	E#2	Mynor Vargas	S#1	RH	NN	AR
Security Officer Greganda	E#5	Mynor Vargas	S#1	RH	NN	AR
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#2	RS	NN	
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Security Officer Greganda	E#5	RS	NN	
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#2	HR	NN	
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	PH	NN	FA
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	TR	NN	LE
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Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	TR	NN	AR
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#2	UC	NN	
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	TR	NN	AR
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#2	UC	NN	
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	TR	NN	AR
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	S#1	UC	NN	
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	TR	NN	AR
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#2	UC	NN	
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	BI	NN	LE
Sergeant [redacted]	E#6	Mynor Vargas	S#1	CT	NN	BK
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Sergeant [redacted]	E#6	RS	NN	
Deputy [redacted]	E#7	Mynor Vargas	S#1	CT	NN	LE
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy [redacted]	E#7	RS	NN	
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	RH	NN	
Security Officer Greganda	E#5	Mynor Vargas	S#1	RH	NN	
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Mynor Vargas	S#1	Deputy Contreras	E#1	RS	NN	
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Security Officer [redacted]	E#3	RS	NN	
Mynor Vargas	S#1	Sergeant [redacted]	E#6	RS	NN	
Deputy [redacted]	E#7	Mynor Vargas	S#1	HB	NN	AK
Deputy Contreras	E#1	Mynor Vargas	S#1	HB	NN	AK
Sergeant [redacted]	E#6	Mynor Vargas	S#1	HB	NN	AK

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Use of Force, fractured wrist**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**FO 2407352**
URN#:	**916-01222-8545-145**
DATE/TIME:	**July 9, 2016, 1524 hours**
LOCATION:	**Harbor UCLA Medical Center, 1000 West Carson Street, Torrance**

SYNOPSIS

On July 10, 2016, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team, comprised of Sergeants Chad Smeltzer and Brian Godwin, responded to Harbor UCLA Medical Center regarding a use of force that involved County Services Bureau (CSB) and Carson Station personnel. The use of force resulted in a fractured right wrist to Suspect Mynor Vargas. On August 9, 2016, this case was reassigned to IAB Sergeant Brian Godwin.

On July 9, 2016, at 1211 hours, Carson Station units were assigned a radio call of a male Hispanic adult "asking kids for meth" at [redacted] Neptune Avenue in the city of Carson. Carson Station deputies responded and used force on Suspect Vargas (control holds and resisted handcuffing). He was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine **[EXHIBIT A]**.

Suspect Vargas was subsequently transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center by Carson Station deputies for a medical evaluation. Suspect Vargas was escorted inside the hospital by the deputies, issued a citation for the indicated charges, and field released at the location. He was left in the care of hospital medical staff at approximately 1315 hours.

At 1500 hours, Suspect Vargas became aggressive and combative with nursing staff in the Emergency Room. He removed his own intravenous line, cardiac monitor strips, and blood pressure cuff. Suspect Vargas stated, "I am getting out of here" and walked out of the area, against the advice of medical staff **[EXHIBIT B, pages 20 and 21]**.

At 1505 hours, Suspect Vargas was outside the hospital near the exterior Emergency Room doors. Witness [redacted], a Securitas security officer, saw Suspect Vargas bang on the doors for two to three minutes and attempt to force the doors open. Witness [redacted] telephoned the Sheriff's dispatch area at the hospital and reported his observations. At 1509 hours, a radio call was generated and assigned to Deputy Mario Contreras, CSB unit 854A1 **[EXHIBIT C]**.

Deputy Contreras saw Suspect Vargas walking northbound in the southeast parking lot of the hospital. He parked his patrol vehicle and talked to Suspect Vargas. Deputy Contreras summoned Deputy [redacted] CSB unit 854A, via radio. Suspect Vargas accused Deputy Contreras of having arrested him earlier that day and stated he was looking for his cane and his wallet, which he believed were inside the hospital.

Upon his arrival, Deputy [redacted] asked Suspect Vargas where his property was located inside the hospital. Suspect Vargas pointed toward Vermont Avenue. He then yelled, "Fuck you guys" and walked away from the deputies and towards the Ambulance Emergency Entrance area of the hospital. Deputy Contreras used his radio to request Sergeant [redacted] respond and for a Taser to be brought to the location.

Deputy Contreras followed Suspect Vargas in his patrol vehicle and Deputy [redacted] walked behind Suspect Vargas. Suspect Vargas walked to the exterior area of the Ambulance Emergency entrance, where Deputies Contreras and [redacted] again engaged him in conversation. Sergeant [redacted] CSB unit 854S, and Security Officers (SO) Miguel Greganda, Alexandria Smith, and Alejandra Stuart arrived presently.

Upon her arrival, SO Smith handed a Taser, which she had picked up from the dispatch area before responding to the location, to Sergeant [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] gave the Taser to Deputy [redacted] who handed the Taser back to her because he did not like to carry or use a Taser (**refer to pages 4 and 12 of Deputy [redacted] interview transcript**). Sergeant [redacted] then handed the Taser to Deputy Contreras.

Sergeant [redacted] and the two deputies spoke to Suspect Vargas outside the Ambulance Emergency Entrance to the hospital. Deputy Contreras and Sergeant [redacted] attempted to persuade Suspect Vargas to go inside the hospital, so they could find his missing property. Suspect Vargas exhibited bizarre behavior, as he cursed and yelled, spoke incoherently, stared at the sun, shook uncontrollably, and sweated profusely. Suspect Vargas' behavior led Sergeant [redacted] Deputy Contreras, and Deputy [redacted] to believe he had mental health problems and/or he was under the influence of a drug.

Sergeant [redacted] stated she had a discussion with Deputies Contreras and [redacted] and SOs Smith and Greganda outside the hospital regarding the probability that Suspect Vargas must be placed on a 72 hours 5150 Welfare and Institutions Code (mental health) hold. To be placed on a 5150 hold, Suspect Vargas would either have to be escorted to the Psych Emergency Room by the deputies or a Behavioral Response Team (BRT) consisting of a team of nurses would handle and secure Suspect Vargas once he was escorted into the hospital by Sergeant [redacted] and the deputies.

Sergeant [redacted] told the deputies that her plan was to get Suspect Vargas to go inside the hospital and then the BRT would take over and secure Suspect Vargas for the 5150 hold (**refer to Sergeant [redacted] interview transcript, pages 6, 18 to 21, and 27**). However, none of the other involved personnel remember Sergeant [redacted] discussing that plan with them. Deputy Contreras stated there was no discussion of that nature, and the plan was to get Suspect Vargas to go inside the hospital to find his missing property (**refer to Deputy Contreras' interview transcript, pages 6, and 14 to 15**).

Sergeant [redacted] did not consider summoning a Sheriff's Department 918S (Mental Evaluation Team) unit because she felt it was faster and easier to use the BRT team. However, Sergeant [redacted] did not think about directing the BRT team to be ready prior to entering the hospital with Suspect Vargas.

After approximately 10 to 20 minutes of talking to Suspect Vargas, he walked into the hospital via the Ambulance Emergency Entrance, followed by the involved personnel. Sergeant [redacted] stated that at some point after she entered the hospital with Suspect Vargas, she pointed at and told a nurse, possibly Witness [redacted] to get the BRT team to stand by. Suspect Vargas walked northbound in the Emergency Room hallway. He then turned eastbound and walked into the Acute Adult Emergency Room.

Witness [redacted] was standing near the clerk's desk in the Acute Adult Emergency Room. She saw Suspect Vargas walk into the area followed by a male Black deputy. Witness [redacted] stated Suspect Vargas turned around to face the deputy and grabbed a Taser off of his belt. She heard Suspect Vargas say, "It's on" and saw him shoot the Taser at the ground (**refer to Witness [redacted] IAB interview, pages 1 to 4, 7, and 9 to 11**). Simultaneously, the male Black deputy grabbed Suspect Vargas' arm and attempted to regain the Taser. However, no other witness or involved employee reported the event as described by Witness [redacted]

The involved employees reported Suspect Vargas enter the Acute Adult Emergency Room and standing near the nurse's station. Deputy Contreras determined he was going to place Suspect Vargas on a 5150 hold, and informed Sergeant [redacted] of his intention. Deputy Contreras told Deputy [redacted] to move to Suspect Vargas' left side. Deputy Contreras moved to Suspect Vargas'

right side. Deputy Contreras told Deputy [redacted] to bring Suspect Vargas' left hand behind his back in order to handcuff him. Deputy Contreras grabbed Suspect Vargas' right hand, but Suspect Vargas became rigid and broke free from his grip before Deputy [redacted] could grab Suspect Vargas' left hand.

Suspect Vargas swung his right arm with a clenched fist at Deputy Contreras, but Deputy Contreras pulled back and avoided the swing. Deputy [redacted] swung his right fist at Suspect Vargas' left chest area, but his punch did not connect. Suspect Vargas then swung his right arm at Deputy [redacted] but Deputy [redacted] moved out of the way and avoided the swing.

Suspect Vargas kicked at Deputy [redacted] with his right leg and struck him on the lower right leg. Simultaneously, Deputy Contreras fired his Taser at Suspect Vargas. One of the darts flew over Suspect Vargas' left shoulder and the other dart hit his left chest area. The Tasing had no apparent effect on Suspect Vargas. He used one of his hands to pull on the Taser wire, which was attached to the dart that hit his chest area. Suspect Vargas clenched his fists and leaned toward Deputy [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] delivered two strikes to Suspect Vargas' left leg with his expandable baton. SO Smith removed her expandable baton from her belt with her right hand and extended it to its full length; however, she did not strike Suspect Vargas with the baton. Suspect Vargas stumbled backwards toward the main Emergency Room hallway. Deputy [redacted] delivered one or two more baton strikes to Suspect Vargas' left leg. Suspect Vargas fell to the ground on his left side in the hallway. Deputy Contreras fell over Suspect Vargas and landed on the floor to Suspect Vargas' left.

Suspect Vargas turned onto his stomach and attempted to push himself up. Deputy [redacted] straddled Suspect Vargas, sitting on his lower back, as Suspect Vargas lay face down on the floor. Sergeant [redacted] grabbed Suspect Vargas' left leg, while SO Smith grabbed his right leg. SO Smith placed her expandable baton on the floor approximately five feet away from Suspect Vargas because she did not have the time to retract the baton and put it back in her holster. Suspect Vargas kicked his legs erratically as Sergeant [redacted] and SO Smith attempted to control his legs. Sergeant [redacted] focused on controlling Suspect Vargas' left leg, so she did not see much of the force used by the involved deputies.

Sergeant [redacted] told Witness [redacted] to get help. Witness [redacted] used the telephone at the Acute Adult Emergency Room nurse's desk and called CSB dispatch at the hospital to relay Sergeant [redacted] assistance request. Deputy Claudia Casillas answered the telephone and spoke to Witness [redacted] Deputy Casillas began telephoning Carson Station, but at that time, she heard Deputy Contreras request assistance via radio and Carson Station units acknowledge the request via radio.

Deputy [redacted] while holding his expandable baton with one hand on each end, placed the middle portion of the baton on the left side of Suspect Vargas' head just above the ear. Deputy [redacted] applied pressure on the baton and pressed Suspect Vargas' head against the ground, as Suspect Vargas continued to attempt to rise up from the floor. While Suspect Vargas resisted and moved back and forth, Deputy [redacted] may have moved the baton to Suspect Vargas' neck or collarbone area.

Suspect Vargas resisted and attempted to rise from the ground. Deputy [redacted] told the other involved employees to handcuff Suspect Vargas, as he began to tire from the effort to hold Suspect Vargas down. SO Smith handed a pair of handcuffs to SO Greganda, who handcuffed Suspect Vargas' hands in front of his body. At the time Deputy [redacted] was holding the baton with his right hand and the tip section of the baton was on or near Suspect Vargas' right collarbone area (**refer to Deputy [redacted] interview, pages 7, and 29 to 31**).

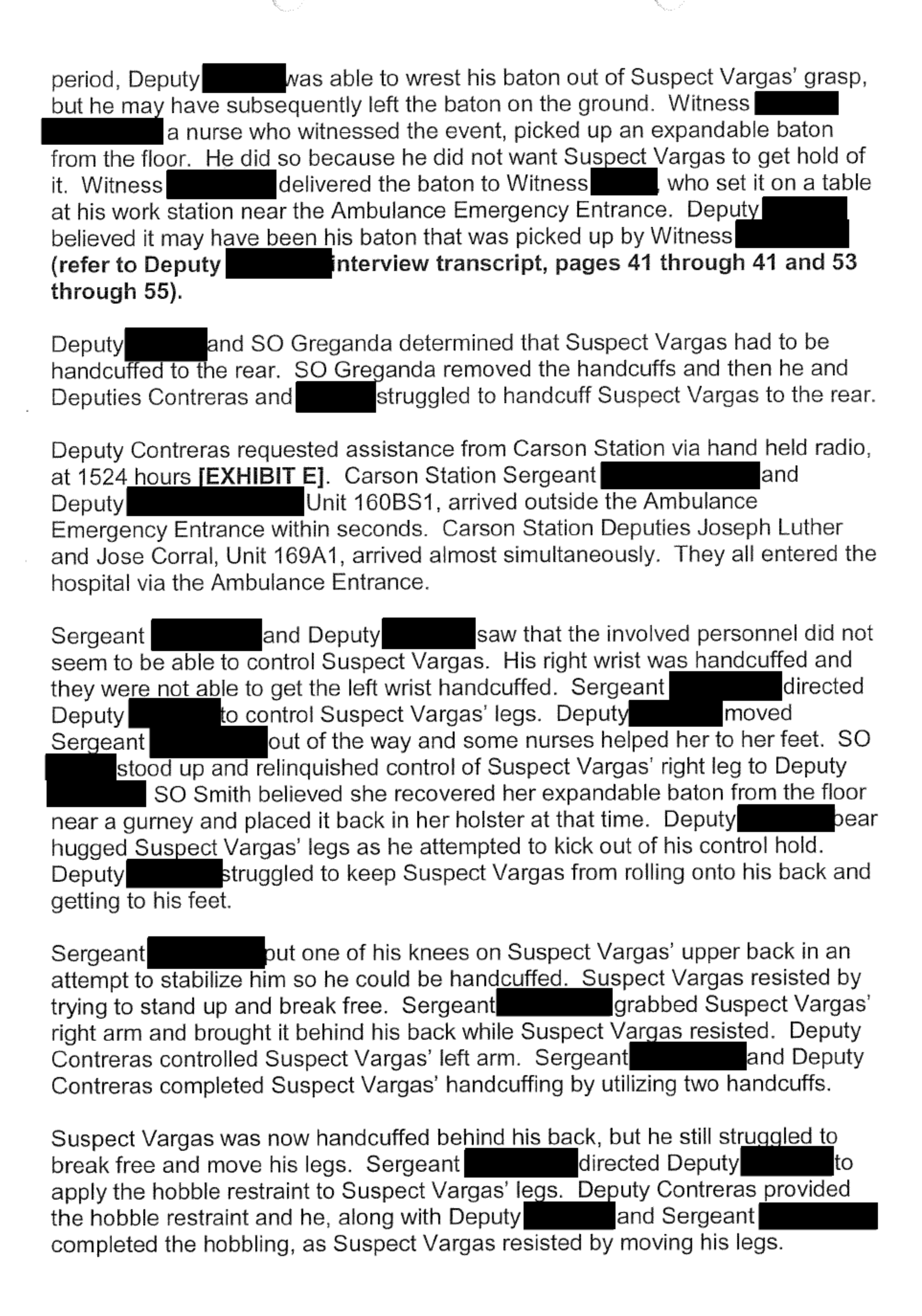
Suspect Vargas described how Deputy [redacted] held the baton under the front of his neck and pulled up on the baton from behind. He felt the deputy tried to strangle him, so he held onto the baton in order to keep from being choked with it (**refer to Suspect Vargas' IAB interview, pages 3 and 13**). Deputy [redacted] denied holding the baton under the front of Suspect Vargas' neck and denied choking him with the baton.

Deputy [redacted] described how Suspect Vargas reached up with both hands and grabbed the tip section of his baton, while he was still handcuffed to the front. Deputy [redacted] told Deputy Contreras, "Hey, this guy has my baton!" Deputy [redacted] struck Suspect Vargas on the left collarbone area with the blade of his left hand, formed into a fist, two or three times.

Deputy Contreras saw Suspect Vargas had a hold of Deputy [redacted] baton. In an attempt to get Suspect Vargas to release the baton, Deputy Contreras struck him three or four times on the right eyebrow area with the blade of his left hand, formed into a fist. The strikes did not have the desired effect, so Deputy Contreras decided to use the Taser in the drive stun mode.

Deputy Contreras had placed the Taser on the floor around the time he fell to the floor next to Suspect Vargas. He looked for the Taser and a female Asian nurse handed it to him. Deputy Contreras removed the spent cartridge from the Taser. He fired the Taser in drive stun mode approximately six times on Suspect Vargas' left thigh and left forearm areas **[EXHIBIT D]**. The drive stuns had no apparent effect on Suspect Vargas.

Deputy Contreras set the Taser back on the floor and removed the expandable baton from his Sam Browne belt. He held the baton with his right hand and struck Suspect Vargas three to four times on the left thigh. Sometime in that time



period, Deputy [redacted] was able to wrest his baton out of Suspect Vargas' grasp, but he may have subsequently left the baton on the ground. Witness [redacted] a nurse who witnessed the event, picked up an expandable baton from the floor. He did so because he did not want Suspect Vargas to get hold of it. Witness [redacted] delivered the baton to Witness [redacted], who set it on a table at his work station near the Ambulance Emergency Entrance. Deputy [redacted] believed it may have been his baton that was picked up by Witness [redacted] **(refer to Deputy [redacted] interview transcript, pages 41 through 41 and 53 through 55).**

Deputy [redacted] and SO Greganda determined that Suspect Vargas had to be handcuffed to the rear. SO Greganda removed the handcuffs and then he and Deputies Contreras and [redacted] struggled to handcuff Suspect Vargas to the rear.

Deputy Contreras requested assistance from Carson Station via hand held radio, at 1524 hours **[EXHIBIT E]**. Carson Station Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] Unit 160BS1, arrived outside the Ambulance Emergency Entrance within seconds. Carson Station Deputies Joseph Luther and Jose Corral, Unit 169A1, arrived almost simultaneously. They all entered the hospital via the Ambulance Entrance.

Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] saw that the involved personnel did not seem to be able to control Suspect Vargas. His right wrist was handcuffed and they were not able to get the left wrist handcuffed. Sergeant [redacted] directed Deputy [redacted] to control Suspect Vargas' legs. Deputy [redacted] moved Sergeant [redacted] out of the way and some nurses helped her to her feet. SO [redacted] stood up and relinquished control of Suspect Vargas' right leg to Deputy [redacted] SO Smith believed she recovered her expandable baton from the floor near a gurney and placed it back in her holster at that time. Deputy [redacted] bear hugged Suspect Vargas' legs as he attempted to kick out of his control hold. Deputy [redacted] struggled to keep Suspect Vargas from rolling onto his back and getting to his feet.

Sergeant [redacted] put one of his knees on Suspect Vargas' upper back in an attempt to stabilize him so he could be handcuffed. Suspect Vargas resisted by trying to stand up and break free. Sergeant [redacted] grabbed Suspect Vargas' right arm and brought it behind his back while Suspect Vargas resisted. Deputy Contreras controlled Suspect Vargas' left arm. Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy Contreras completed Suspect Vargas' handcuffing by utilizing two handcuffs.

Suspect Vargas was now handcuffed behind his back, but he still struggled to break free and move his legs. Sergeant [redacted] directed Deputy [redacted] to apply the hobble restraint to Suspect Vargas' legs. Deputy Contreras provided the hobble restraint and he, along with Deputy [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] completed the hobbling, as Suspect Vargas resisted by moving his legs.

Suspect Vargas was rolled onto a hospital blanket and lifted onto a gurney by Deputies [redacted] Contreras, and [redacted] with the help of several nurses. Suspect Vargas was wheeled into a room in the Acute Adult Emergency Room area.

SO Alejandra Stuart arrived on scene after the conclusion of the incident. She saw numerous nurses in the area, talking about the incident. She talked briefly to four of them and wrote their names down on a piece of paper. SO Stuart delivered the paper to Sergeant [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] walked to Witness [redacted] security desk, retrieved Deputy [redacted] expandable baton from the table, and handed it to Deputy [redacted]

SO Stuart stated Sergeant [redacted] told her to stand at the door to Suspect Vargas' room. While she was watching him, Suspect Vargas' [redacted] was escorted to Suspect Vargas' room (female Hispanic, late forties, average weight, nfd) by a nurse and SO Stuart allowed her talk to him in his room.

Several minutes later, SO Stuart was relieved by an unknown deputy. SO Stuart left the area and reported to Sergeant [redacted] regarding Suspect Vargas' [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] responded to Suspect Vargas' room and talked to the [redacted] Suspect Vargas' [redacted] told her there had been an earlier incident between Suspect Vargas and Carson Station deputies and that was why she was at the hospital to visit him.

Sergeant [redacted] telephoned the watch commander, Sergeant Bernard Patrick, and reported the use of force incident. Sergeant Patrick telephoned CSB Martin Luther King Hospital Sergeant Eduardo Luevano. Sergeant Patrick told him to respond to Harbor UCLA Hospital and handle the use of force investigation, including interviewing of all witnesses.

Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] approached Deputy [redacted] after the incident. They were upset about what they had viewed during the use of force and wanted to know why it was necessary for Deputy [redacted] to strike Suspect Vargas so many times. Deputy [redacted] talked to the nurses about the incident, but Witness [redacted] felt he was unprofessional (**refer to Deputy [redacted] interview, pages 44 and 45. Also Witness [redacted] interview, pages 2 through 3 and 14 through 15**).

Sergeant Patrick responded to Harbor UCLA Hospital, met up with Sergeant Luevano and video recorded an interview with Suspect Vargas. Sergeant Luevano also video recorded an interview with Witness Nurse [redacted] **[EXHIBIT F]**.

During the interview of Suspect Vargas, Sergeant Patrick learned Carson Station deputies had transported Suspect Vargas to Harbor UCLA Hospital prior to the use of force incident with CSB personnel. Sergeant Patrick telephoned the

Carson Station watch commander, who told him Carson Station deputies had used force on Suspect Vargas, arrested him for possession of methamphetamine, and then cited and released him at Harbor UCLA Hospital earlier in the day.

Sergeant Luevano told Sergeant [redacted] to interview the hospital staff members who witnessed the use of force. Sergeant [redacted] video recorded interviews with six nurses (Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted]. She also interviewed Securitas Security Officer [redacted] **[EXHIBIT F]**.

Witness [redacted] stated in her IAB interview she wrote down the names of 10-12 hospital staff members who witnessed the use of force. She gave the list to Sergeant [redacted] however, Sergeant [redacted] stated in her second IAB interview that she could not recall having received a list from Witness [redacted]

Deputy Contreras authored a SH-AD 49 report regarding the incident **[EXHIBIT G]**. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] Sergeants [redacted] and [redacted] and SO's Smith and Greganda, authored supplemental reports **[EXHIBIT H]** regarding the incident.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES AND WORK HISTORY

Mario Contreras, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Countywide Services Division
County Services Bureau

Work History

Date of Employment:	June 14, 2006
Date Assigned to Patrol/CRV Station:	[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	
Prior Shooting Incident:	March 15, 2009
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Expandable baton
Taser
Hobble restraint

[redacted] Deputy, #[redacted]
Countywide Services Division
County Services Bureau

Work History

Date of Employment: August 4, 2004
Date Assigned to patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray
Expandable baton

[redacted] Sergeant, #[redacted]
Countywide Services Division
County Services Bureau

Work History

Date of Employment: January 5, 1987
Date Assigned to patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray
Expandable baton

Alexandria Smith, Security Officer, #[redacted]
Countywide Services Division
County Services Bureau

Work History

Date of Employment: April 17, 2008
Date Assigned to CSB: November 21, 2010
Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray
Expandable baton

Miguel Greganda, Security Officer, #[redacted]
Countywide Services Division
County Services Bureau

Work History

Date of Employment: August 4, 2004
Date Assigned to patrol:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:


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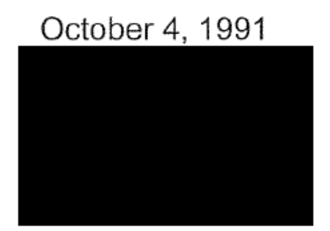
Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray
Expandable baton

[redacted] Sergeant, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Carson Station

Work History

Date of Employment: October 4, 1991
Date Assigned to patrol:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:


[redacted]

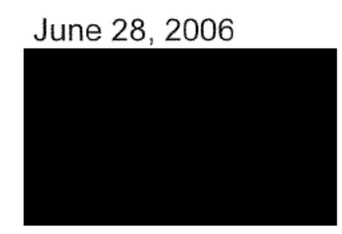
Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray
Expandable baton

[redacted] Deputy, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Carson Station

Work History

Date of Employment: June 28, 2006
Date Assigned to patrol:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:


[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray
Expandable baton
Hobble restraint

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Mynor Vargas
Male, Hispanic, DOB: April 16, 1965, 5'07", 320 pounds
[redacted]
CII #[redacted], MAIN #[redacted], FBI #[redacted]

> **IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Vargas' criminal history is included in [EXHIBIT I].**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Vargas was examined at Harbor UCLA Medical Center by Doctors Timothy Jang, Benjamin Isakson, Naomi Terao, Tasha Fernando, and Aaron Beck. He complained of abdominal and right wrist pain. Thin ribbon-like red lesions were evident on both thighs and abdomen. Doctors noted a one centimeter abrasion over Suspect Vargas' right eye and a small bruise over the left eye. An x-ray showed he had an intra-articular right distal radius fracture (broken wrist).

Suspect Vargas had pulled on the Taser wires during the incident. He said he thought one Taser dart hit him, but it bounced off his body. According to Deputy Contreras, the second dart did not make contact with Suspect Vargas, as it flew over his left shoulder. Doctors did not note any Taser dart puncture wounds to his person.

Suspect Vargas was issued an "Okay to Book" by Doctor Beck **[EXHIBIT J]** and was booked at the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) on charges of battery on a peace officer, 243(b) PC; resisting a peace officer, 69 PC; and removal of a weapon from a peace officer 148(b) PC **[EXHIBIT K]**.

IAB investigators video recorded an interview with Suspect Vargas at IRC and photographed his person **[EXHIBIT L]**. Suspect Vargas authorized the release of the medical records of his examination and treatment from Harbor UCLA Medical Center **[EXHIBIT B]**. Subsequent medical records of his examination and treatment while in Los Angeles County Jail facilities were obtained by IAB investigators **[EXHIBIT M]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

Deputy [redacted] complained of pain to his right knee after the use of force incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

No physical evidence was collected by IAB investigators.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

The scene was not held in relation to this force incident. Approximately 18 hours elapsed between the time of the incident and the IAB investigators' arrival on scene. The area was checked for possible video camera coverage. It was discovered that there was no video camera coverage of the incident location. Video recordings from the exterior and interior Ambulance Emergency Entrance was obtained. These video recordings showed the involved parties entering and/or exiting the hospital via that entrance, along with some other witness activity. IAB investigators took photographs and video recorded the location of the incident **[EXHIBIT L]**.

The timeline of the hospital video footage is as follows:

Interior camera:

15:24:12 - [redacted] Contreras, [redacted] Smith, Greganda, Vargas walk in
15:26:59 - Witness [redacted] gives expandable baton to Witness [redacted]
15:30:23 - [redacted] enters hallway
15:30:24 - [redacted] enters hallway
15:30:28 - Corral enters hallway
15:30:38 - Luther enters hallway
15:30:41 - Luther turns around and walks out of hospital
15:30:45 - Corral walks out of hospital
15:30:52 - Luther walks back into hospital
15:30:54 - Corral walks back into hospital
15:32:59 - [redacted] picks up baton from security desk
15:38:52 - Corral walks out, after a brief conversation with Luther
15:57:08 - Deputy [redacted] walks to interior ambulance door
15:57:15 - Deputy [redacted] talking to Witness [redacted]
15:58:20 - Deputy [redacted] walks outside
16:00:18 - Greganda and Stuart enter view and stand near Securitas desk
16:00:28 – End of video

Exterior camera:

15:30:16 - [redacted] and [redacted] drive up in their patrol vehicle
15:30:18 - [redacted] and [redacted] exit the patrol vehicle and run to the entrance

15:30:20 - Luther and Corral drive up in their patrol vehicle
15:30:24 - Corral exits the patrol vehicle and runs to the entrance
15:30:27 - Luther exits the patrol vehicle and walks to the entrance
15:36:34 - Corral and Luther walk out and to their car
15:38:06 - Luther walks back into hospital
15:38:19 - [redacted] walks out of hospital
15:38:44 - Corral walks back into hospital
15:39:15 - Luther walks back out of hospital
15:39:42 - Luther and Corral drive away
15:40:49 - [redacted] walks out of hospital
15:41:03 - [redacted] walks out of hospital
15:41:29 - [redacted] walks back into hospital
15:41:48 - [redacted] walks into hospital
15:42:16 - [redacted] walks out of hospital
15:43:31 - [redacted] and [redacted] drive away
16:00:04 - End of video

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] used personal weapons (fists) and his expandable baton to deliver strikes to Suspect Vargas' person. He also used his expandable baton as a control tool to hold Suspect Vargas down.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY CONTRERAS

Deputy Contreras used a Taser in standard firing mode and in drive stun mode. He used his expandable baton and fists to deliver strikes to Suspect Vargas' person. Deputy Contreras also helped apply the hobble restraint device to Suspect Vargas' while he resisted the application.

WEAPONS USED BY SERGEANT [redacted]

Suspect Vargas used control holds to hold down Suspect Vargas' legs.

WEAPONS USED BY SO GREGANDA

SO Greganda used force to overcome Suspect Vargas' resistance for handcuffing.

WEAPONS USED BY SO SMITH

SO Smith used control holds to hold down Suspect Vargas' legs.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] used control holds to hold down Suspect Vargas' legs. He also applied a hobble restraint device while Suspect Vargas resisted the application.

WEAPONS USED BY SERGEANT [redacted]

Sergeant [redacted] used control holds to help stabilize Suspect Vargas' body. He also helped handcuff Suspect Vargas and apply the hobble restraint device against his resistance.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT VARGAS

Suspect Vargas attempted to strike Deputies Contreras and [redacted] with his fists, and kicked Deputy [redacted] on the lower right leg with his right foot. He grabbed Deputy Contreras' expandable baton during the incident. Suspect Vargas resisted his handcuffing and hobbling.

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT VARGAS

None.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into Suspect Vargas' was handled by CSB Detective Jason Molina. He authored a supplemental report regarding his investigation **[EXHIBIT N]**. On September 21, 2016, Suspect Vargas was convicted of two counts of obstructing or resisting a peace officer, 69 PC, and one count of attempting to remove a weapon from a peace officer, 148(b) PC. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months formal probation.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during daylight hours inside a well-lit hospital corridor. The weather outside was clear and dry.

SCENE DESCRIPTION

Harbor UCLA Hospital is located at 10000 West Carson Street, in Torrance. The use of force incident took place initially inside the Acute Adult Emergency Room. It concluded in the main Emergency Room hallway, just north of the Ambulance Entrance, near the entrance to the Trauma Room.

INVESTIGATION

Sergeant [redacted] videotaped interviews with Nurses [redacted] Sergeant Luevano videotaped and interview with Nurse [redacted]

IAB investigators interviewed the following Department personnel: Deputies Contreras, [redacted] and [redacted] Sergeants [redacted] Luevano, and Patrick; and SO's Smith, Greganda, and Stuart. The interviews were audio recorded.

The following Harbor UCLA Medical Center personnel participated in audio recorded interviewed with IAB investigators: Doctor [redacted] Nurses [redacted] and [redacted] Securitas Security Officers [redacted] and [redacted].

All of the above mentioned interviews were digitally recorded and transcribed, with the exception of Nurses [redacted] and [redacted] who did not witness the event. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, see attached verbatim interview transcriptions.

Nurse [redacted] agreed to participate in an IAB interview, however; refused to be audio recorded. In response to questions, she stated the following: She saw a "big guy with long hair" laying on the floor by the trauma doors being handcuffed by approximately six deputies. She stated, "I think he tried to grab a baton from a male Black deputy." Witness [redacted] did not see batons or Tasers used during the incident. She believed the deputies "did the right thing" during the incident, as the suspect was "very agitated and could have hurt anyone. Witness [redacted] believed the suspect was probably under the influence of drugs or was a psych patient. Afterwards, she saw the suspect lifted onto a gurney by deputies.

Sergeant [redacted] viewed two photographs during her interview **[EXHIBIT O]**. The first photograph depicted the entrance to the Acute Adult Emergency. Sergeant [redacted] marked an "X" on the photograph to indicate the area where Suspect Vargas swung his fists at Deputies Contreras and [redacted] The second photograph depicted the hallway inside the Ambulance Emergency Entrance. Sergeant [redacted] marked an "X" on the photograph to indicate the area where the use of force continued in the main hallway.

Deputy Contreras brought a Google Maps satellite image to his interview **[EXHIBIT P]**. He marked the route of travel of Suspect Vargas from the point

where he first contacted him in the east parking lot, to the Ambulance Emergency Entrance. Deputy Contreras used arrows to show the route of travel.

Deputy [redacted] viewed two photographs during his interview **[EXHBIT Q]**. The first photograph depicted the entrance to the Acute Adult Emergency. Deputy [redacted] marked an "X" in a circle on the photograph to indicate the area where Suspect Vargas swung his fists at him. He marked a second "X" in a circle closer to the bottom of the photograph to depict the area in which he began to strike Suspect Vargas with his baton. The second photograph depicted the hallway inside the Ambulance Emergency Entrance. Deputy [redacted] marked an "X" on the photograph to indicate the area where the use of force continued in the main hallway.

SO Smith viewed two photographs during her interview **[EXHIBIT R]**. The first photograph depicted the entrance to the Acute Adult Emergency. SO Smith marked an "X" on the photograph to indicate the area where Suspect Vargas swung his fists at [redacted] The second photograph depicted the hallway inside the Ambulance Emergency Entrance. Sergeant [redacted] marked an "X" on the photograph to indicate the area where the use of force continued in the main hallway.

SO Greganda viewed two photographs during his interview **[EXHIBIT S]**. The first photograph depicted the entrance to the Acute Adult Emergency. SO Greganda marked an "X" on the photograph to indicate the area where the use of force incident began. The second photograph depicted the hallway inside the Ambulance Emergency Entrance. SO Greganda marked an "X" on the photograph to indicate the area where the use of force continued in the main hallway.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB investigators attempted to interview Nurses [redacted] and [redacted] on several occasions at Harbor UCLA Medical Center. During these occasions, they were either unavailable, called in sick for their shifts, or failed to show up for their scheduled interviews.